

There is every disposition in the Street to encourage an active and buoyant Stock market, if this inibus of specie shipments could be removed. The Banks, however, as far as we ascertain, entertain no apprehension that their specie reserve will be reduced to a point at which a serious contraction would be necessary before relief will come from some quarter, either from Cotton and other produce shipments, or the renewal of large receipts of gold from California.

In Exchange, the market closed without change, but with free supplies of bills from the leading banks, at the current rates, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 per cent. for Sterling.

The supply of outside bills is moderate. The demand for Sterling was not so large for this steamer as draw anticipated. France is 5 1/2 to 5 1/2.

Freight continued depressed. To Liverpool, the engagements include 500 lbs ea. at 7 3/4 to 8 1/2; 100 lbs. Oil at 12 1/2, and Logwood 15 1/2. To London, 2,400 lbs. Bean, 1/9 1/2 per cwt. To Havre, Cotton 12 1/2; Copper Ore, 83 1/2; Whalebone, 20; Ashes, 80 and 87. To Bremen, Cotton 12 1/2, and Measurement Goods 20; California freight dull at 10 3/4 to 11.

The receipts at the Sub-Treasury were \$13,529; paid, \$142,875; balance, \$8,881,967. Paid from Assay Office, \$3,078. Paid on Disbursing Checks, \$65,633.

The Baltic to-day took \$1,393,624, of which \$823,781 was in American gold coin, \$846,288 in gold bars, and \$83,585 in silver coins. We cannot recollect so large a shipment by any previous steamer from this port. The two steamers on Saturday, it is thought, may take an aggregate of about half a million. Nothing, however, has yet been actually engaged, excepting a small amount of bars. Of the bars shipped to day, a portion has never been counted in the Bank returns. The coming Aspinwall steamer, it is estimated by parties connected with the California trade, will bring a million dollars in gold. Should this prove true, it will go far to infuse confidence in the permanency of the present easy Money market. We hear a rumor that the small shipload of gold by the last Nicaragua steamer, was partly the result of the backwardness of the agent of that route in settling with Messrs. Page, Bacon & Co. for the box of gold stolen some months since, and replaced with a box of iron. The steamer of Friday next takes, we understand, \$300,000 in coin from our Sub-Treasury, sent by the Secretary of the Treasury for Government disbursements in California.

Among the passengers by the Baltic, to-day, were Mr. Wm. O'Brien, of the house of Wm. & O'Brien, and Mr. Edward Dodge, of the house of E. W. Clark, Dodge & Co., well-known and influential members of the Wall st. community. Our best wishes go with them.

The following is a comparative statement of receipts from passengers and freight during the months of March, 1854 and 1855:

	Passenger	Freight	Total
1854.	\$26,362 17	\$2,989 37	\$29,351 54
1855.	165,144 66	224,283 15	419,427 79

Increase... \$15,017 55 \$78,076 22 +\$1,201 77

This makes an aggregate of \$2,931,876 as the earnings past six months, against \$2,541,096 for the same six months of the previous year—an increase of \$390,780.

The receipts of the Stonington Railroad in March, were not including mail money:

Passenger..... \$1,514 27

Freight, 1854..... \$12,017 28

Freight, 1855..... 10,543 82 Increase... \$2,207 45

Increase... \$1,232 45

The following Bonds and Stocks were sold at auction by J. Thompson:

\$25,000 Michigan 6 1/2 cent. Bonds, due.... \$60

5,000 Missouri 6 1/2 cent. Bonds, due.... 58

5,000 Louisiana 6 1/2 cent. Bonds, due.... 58

4,000 Louisiana 5 cent. Bonds, due.... 58

10,000 Cleveland & Toledo R. R. Dividends Bonds.... 77

2,000 N. Y. & H. R. R. Bond, due.... 77

5,000 Lake Erie, Wabash & Louisville R. R. Bonds, due.... 77

20 shares Mercantile Fire Ins. Co. 78

Albert H. Nicolay's regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds will take place to-morrow (Thursday), at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

Breadstuffs are still buoyant, with moderate supplies.

State Flour is selling at \$9 75 to \$10. The best grades of Flour are selling at \$11 50 to \$13. Wheat

is scarce, and White brings \$2 40 per bushel. Rye is \$1 40 to \$1 50.

Corn is without important change, but rather better for future delivery. The range is \$1 05 to \$1 10 per bush. Pork is again better. The sales are at \$17 75 to \$18 75, and \$15 for new Mows and Primo. Beef is firm. There is a good business doing in Cotton at 10 1/2 to 12 1/2.

COTTON.—The market is rather active with a decline of 10 to 15 cents. The sales are to be made at \$16 75 to \$17 75.

The above markets are carefully revised by the following dealers at Washington Market:

J. M. FULLER—Stand No. 101, Butter, Cheese, and Lard.

E. PACKER & SON—Stand No. 8, Poultry and Game.

KNAPP RYNO—Stands No. 27 and 28, Beef, Mutton, Veal and Lamb.

PEPPER & RAND—Stand No. 2 and 4, City Smoked Ham, Bacon, Beef, Tongue, &c.

J. H. BROOKS & CO.—Stand No. 12, Fish, Oysters, &c.

D. J. HICKSON—Stand No. 30, Eggs, Cheeses, &c.

S. L. KING & CO.—Stand No. 5, Green and Dried Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs, &c.

Markets. CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE.

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 1855.

ASHES.—The market is uncertain now, lower for Pot, and quiet for Coal. Pot is 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

BEESWAX.—The market is inactive at 20 1/2 to 22.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The market is without animation, the trade being confined to the West, this state and local. The supplies arrive from the different manufacturers, and are not in great demand. The price of the market is very low, and the cost of the manufacturer is the purchase.

BRASS.—The market is firm, the supply equivalent to the want of business; sales of Hard North River Brass \$14 1/2 to 15 per lb.

MILK.—The price of Cow's milk is \$1 10 to \$1 12.

CHOCOLATE.—The market is steady at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

COFFEE.—The market is rather irregular, and in some instances prices favor the buyer. The demand since the auction sale has been more active, and the price of the market is higher for the farmer, and the price of the market for the latter. The auction sale this morning passed off with spirit. There was a large company present, and 2,000 bags were sold at 10 1/2 cents, and 400 lbs. Newcastle sold at 9 1/2 to 10 cents. Anthracite is selling at \$9 1/2 per ton.

FLOUR.—The market is steady at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

COAL.—The market is firm, with lighter arrivals in prospect. The price of coal is 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

IRON.—The market is firm, and the advanced prices named have been obtained. The market is firm, and the price of iron is 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

POTASSE.—The market is steady at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

FEATHERS.—The market is firm, with a fair inquiry.

SAFETY MATCHES.—The market is steady at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

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